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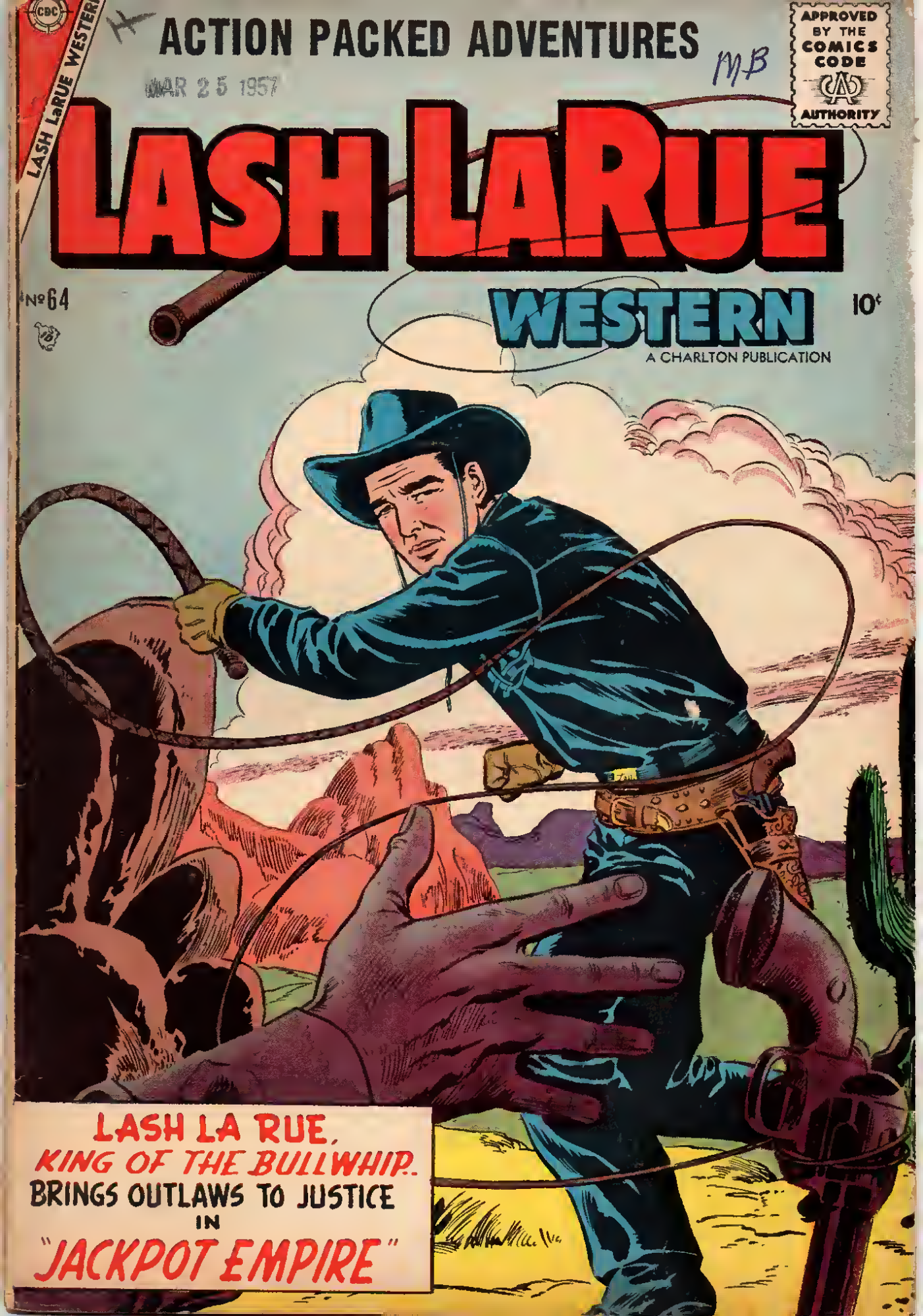

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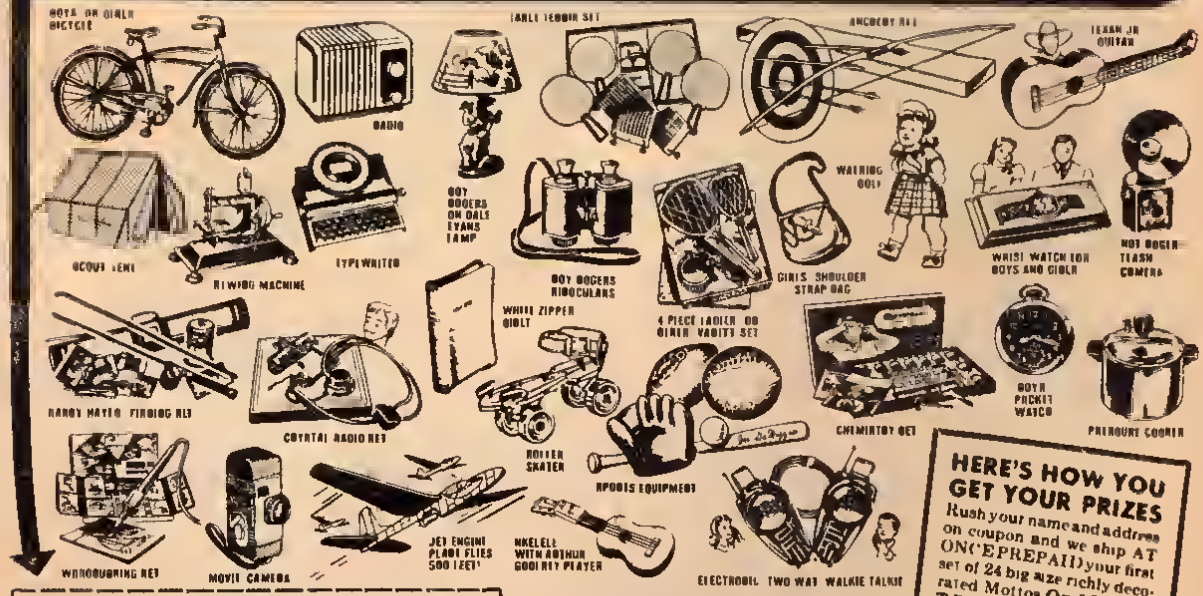

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LASH LaRUE

in BANKER'S AMBUSH

NEW CITY LOOKED PROSPEROUS, CATTLEMEN WERE SELLING HERDS, MINERS WERE DIGGING GOLD! THE ROVING MARSHAL COULD FIND NOTHING WRONG... NOTHING EXCEPT KAYO CRIMMINS, THE BANKER EVERYONE LIKED! KAYO LENT THEM MONEY, BANKED IT FOR THEM, AND KEPT OUTLAWS AT A DISTANCE FOR THEM! WHY, THEN, DID HE DISLIKE LAWMEN LIKE LASH LARUE?

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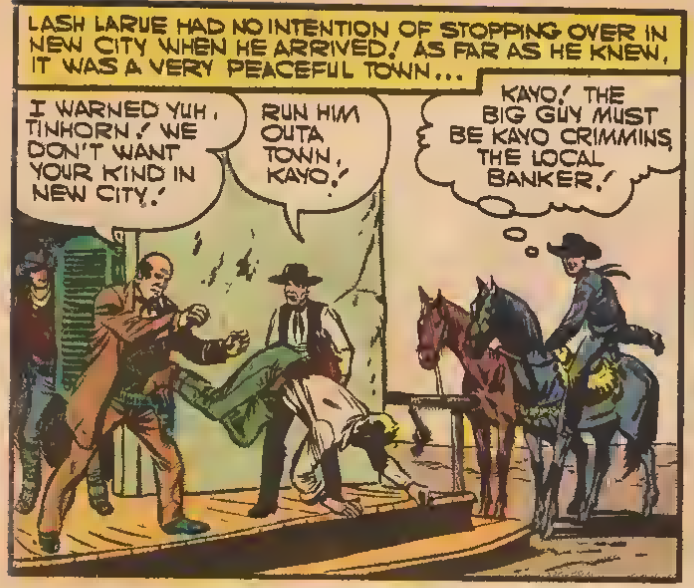
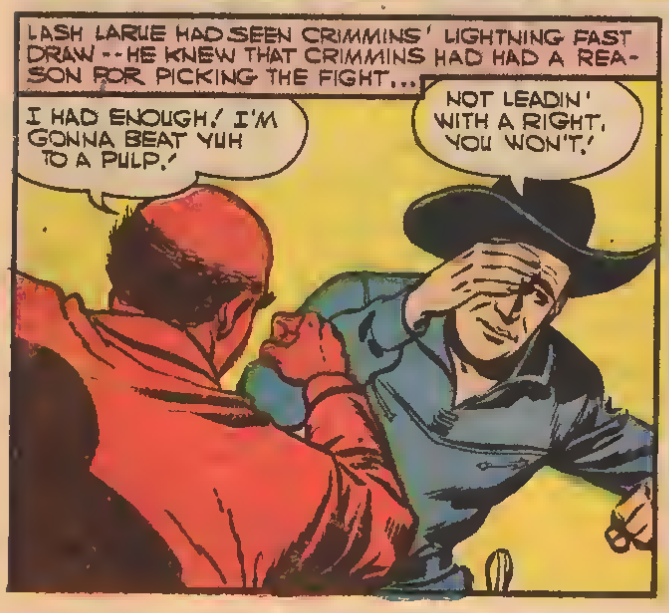
A GREMLIN SCAN


LASH LARUE HAD NO INTENTION OF STOPPING OVER IN NEW CITY WHEN HE ARRIVED! AS FAR AS HE KNEW, IT WAS A VERY PEACEFUL TOWN...
I WARNED YUH, TINHORN! WE DON'T WANT YOUR KIND IN NEW CITY!
RUN HIM OUTA TOWN, KAYO!
KAYO! THE BIG GUY MUST BE KAYO CRIMMINS, THE LOCAL BANKER!

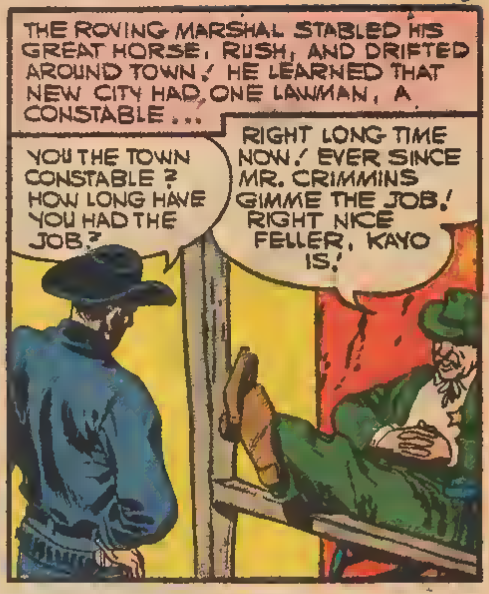
YUH WHIPSAWED ME INTUH THIS! I WAS MINDIN' MY OWN BUSINESS, CRIMMINS!
GO ON, MAKE YOUR PLAY!

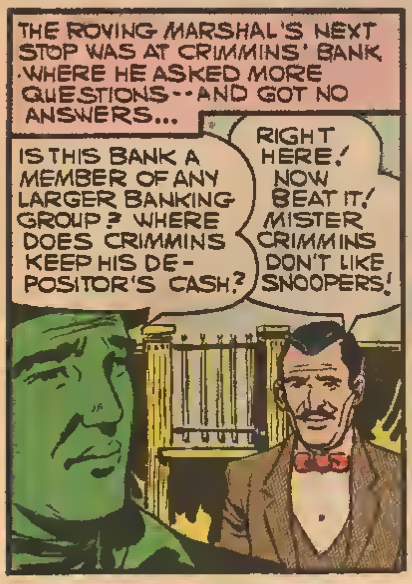
STAY OUTA THIS, STRANGER!
HOLD IT, CRIMMINS! I'VE GOT HIS GUNS!

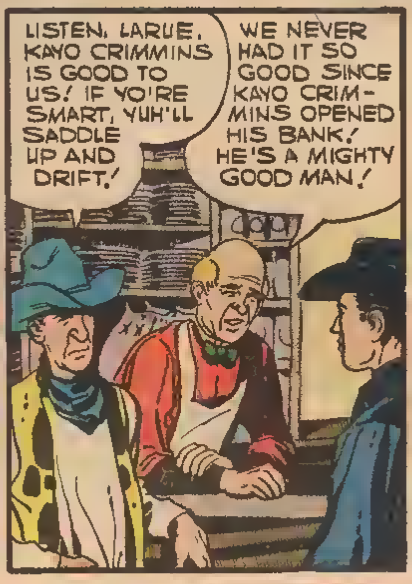
ANOTHER NOSEY LAWMAN, EH? I RUN THIS TOWN! KAYO CRIMMINS CAN HANDLE OWL-HOOTERS AROUND HERE!
YOU HANDLE 'EM MIGHTY ROUGH, TOO! WHAT IS IT, A HOBBY WITH YOU? OR YOU DON'T LIKE COMPETITION?


LASH LARUE HAD SEEN CRIMMINS' LIGHTNING FAST DRAW--HE KNEW THAT CRIMMINS HAD HAD A REASON FOR PICKING THE FIGHT...
I HAD ENOUGH! I'M GONNA BEAT YUH TO A PULP!
NOT LEADIN' WITH A RIGHT, YOU WON'T!

YOU RAN THE OTHERS OUT OF TOWN, CRIMMINS BUT NOT ME--I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU HATE OUTLAWS... AND LAWMEN!


THE ROVING MARSHAL STABLED HIS GREAT HORSE, RUSH, AND DRIFTED AROUND TOWN! HE LEARNED THAT NEW CITY HAD ONE LAWMAN, A CONSTABLE...
YOU THE TOWN CONSTABLE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THE JOB?
RIGHT LONG TIME NOW! EVER SINCE MR. CRIMMINS GIMME THE JOB! RIGHT NICE FELLER, KAYO IS!


THE ROVING MARSHAL'S NEXT STOP WAS AT CRIMMINS' BANK WHERE HE ASKED MORE QUESTIONS--AND GOT NO ANSWERS...
IS THIS BANK A MEMBER OF ANY LARGER BANKING GROUP? WHERE DOES CRIMMINS KEEP HIS DEPOSITOR'S CASH?
RIGHT HERE! NOW BEAT IT! MISTER CRIMMINS DON'T LIKE SNOOPERS!


LISTEN, LARUE, KAYO CRIMMINS IS GOOD TO US! IF YO'RE SMART, YUH'LL SADDLE UP AND DRIFT!
WE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD SINCE KAYO CRIMMINS OPENED HIS BANK! HE'S A MIGHTY GOOD MAN!

THAT WAS A WARNING! THE FOLKS IN THIS TOWN ARE SURE SOLD ON CRIMMINS!
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LATER THAT EVENING...
STILL SNOOPING, EH, LARUE?
THAT'S MY JOB, CRIMMINS! AND DON'T BOTHER THREATENING THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, I WAITED WHILE HE SENT MY WIRE!

IF SOMEONE TAKES A SHOT AT ME, CRIMMINS I'LL GO FOR YOU FIRST!
YUH GOT ME WRONG, LASH! NO ONE IS SHOOTING AT YOU WHILE I'M HERE!

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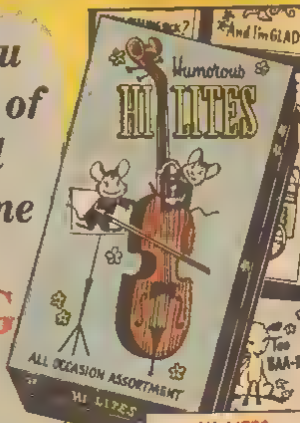

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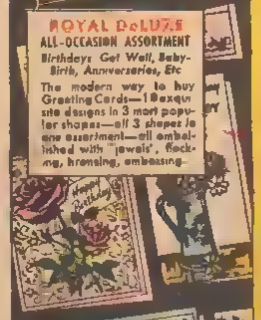

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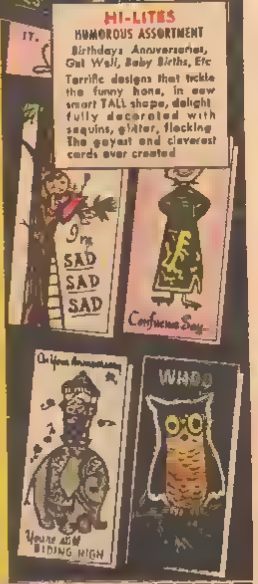

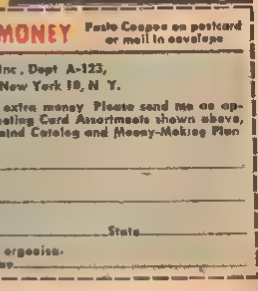

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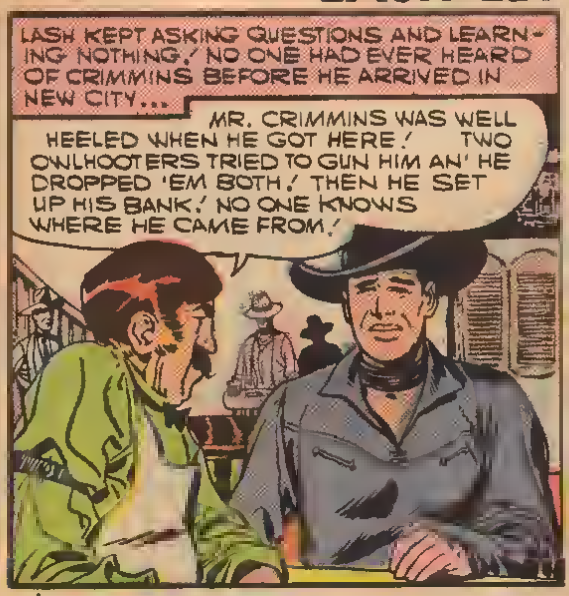
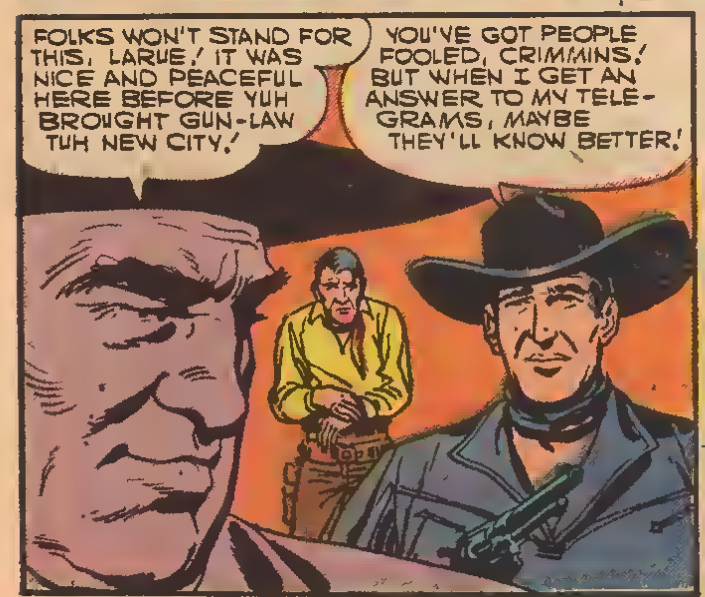
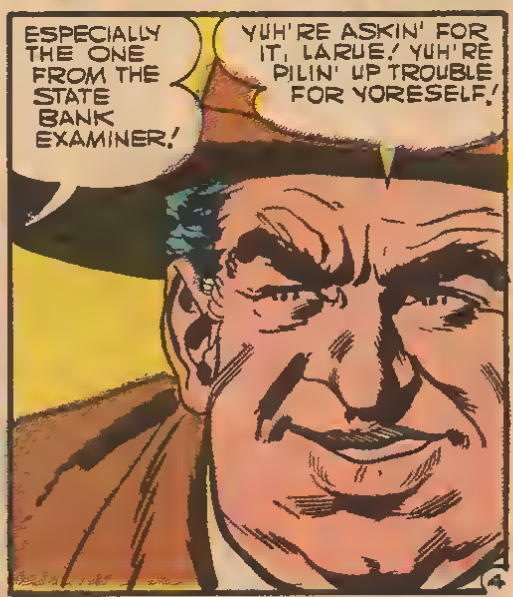

LASH KEPT ASKING QUESTIONS AND LEARNING NOTHING. NO ONE HAD EVER HEARD OF CRIMMINS BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN NEW CITY...
MR. CRIMMINS WAS WELL HEELED WHEN HE GOT HERE! TWO OWLHOOTERS TRIED TO GUN HIM AN' HE DROPPED 'EM BOTH! THEN HE SET UP HIS BANK! NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE CAME FROM!

I'M GETTIN' PRETTY TIRED OF YUH, LARUE! THE GENTLEMAN BEHIND YUH DOESN'T LIKE THE WAY YUH WEAR YORE FACE EITHER!
DON'T START ANYTHING YOU CAN'T FINISH, CRIMMINS!

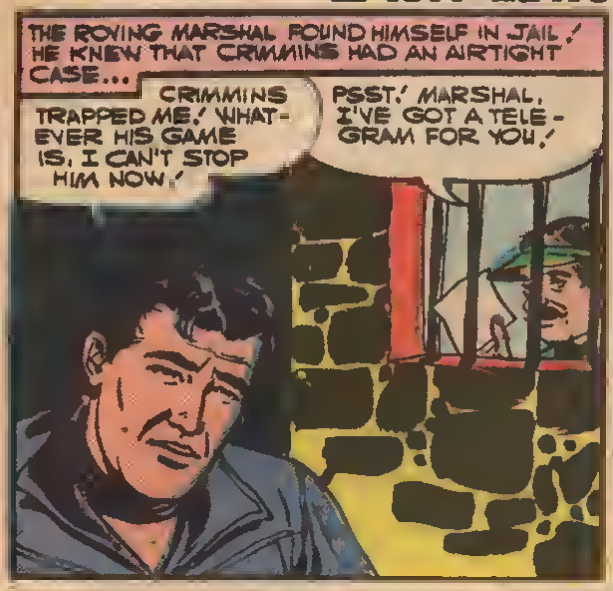
I'LL GET HIM FOR...
I HOPE YOU GOT PAID IN ADVANCE, MISTER... 'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO COLLECT!

I WARNED YOU, MISTER! PULL IRON, CRIMMINS, IF YOU WANT IN!
NOT ME, LARUE!


FOLKS WON'T STAND FOR THIS, LARUE! IT WAS NICE AND PEACEFUL HERE BEFORE YUH BROUGHT GUN-LAW TUH NEW CITY!
YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE FOOLED, CRIMMINS! BUT WHEN I GET AN ANSWER TO MY TELEGRAMS, MAYBE THEY'LL KNOW BETTER!


ESPECIALLY THE ONE FROM THE STATE BANK EXAMINER!
YUH'RE ASKIN' FOR IT, LARUE! YUH'RE PILIN' UP TROUBLE FOR YORESELF!

THE ROVING MARSHAL WAS SURE THAT CRIMMINS WAS A CRIMINAL.' HE KNEW HE HAD TO MOVE FAST.' LATER THAT NIGHT...
NO ONE AROUND.' THE NIGHT WATCHMAN IS OVER IN THE RESTAURANT.' THIS WINDOW SHOULD BE EASY TO JIMMY.'
BANK
IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO CHECK HIS DEPOSITORS' BOOKS.' THEN I'LL FIND OUT IF CRIMMINS IS AS HONEST AS PEOPLE THINK.'
THIS VAULT MIGHT GIVE ME A... IT'S OPEN.'
CLICK
I DON'T GET IT.' THE MONEY IS ALL HERE.' CRIMMINS' BOOKS ARE STRAIGHT.'
Y-YUH'RE UNDER ARREST, MARSHAL.' CAUGHT YUH WITH THE GOODS.'
YUH'LL GO TO PRISON FOR THIS, LARUE.' BANK ROBBERY IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE.'
YUH'RE CAUGHT COLD, LARUE.'


THE ROVING MARSHAL FOUND HIMSELF IN JAIL! HE KNEW THAT CRIMMINS HAD AN AIRTIGHT CASE...
CRIMMINS TRAPPED ME! WHATEVER HIS GAME IS, I CAN'T STOP HIM NOW!
PSST! MARSHAL, I'VE GOT A TELEGRAM FOR YOU!

WHEN DID YOU GET THIS? WHY ARE YOU SO JITTERY?
MR. CRIMMINS SAW IT TOO! TOLD ME TO TEAR IT UP OR HE'D GET ME, MARSHAL!

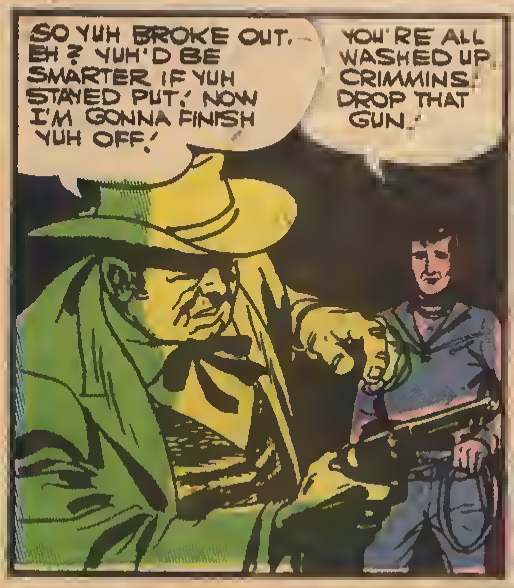
THIS SHOULD FORCE CRIMMINS' HAND! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
ELEGRAM
THE PEOPLES' BANK NOT LICENSED BY THIS OFFICE STOP AM SENDING MAN TO CHECK AT ONCE STOP
SIGNED STATE BANK EXAMINER

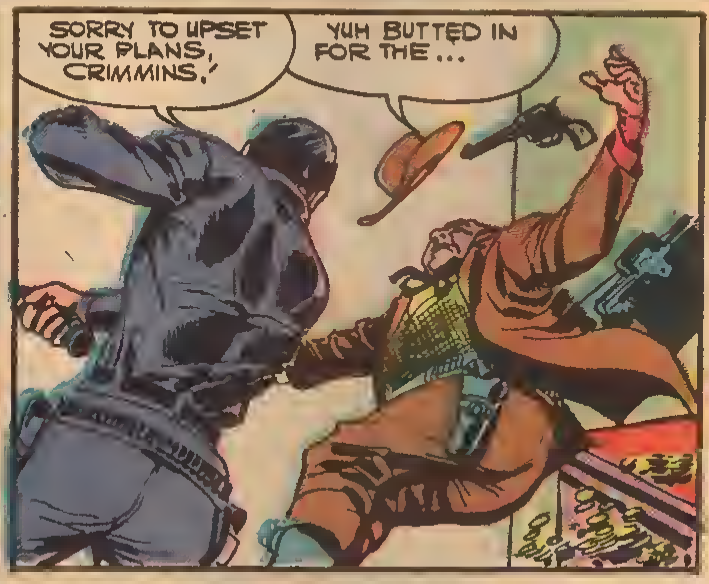
HEY, CONSTABLE, I WANT TO SEE YOU A MINUTE!
YUH CAN'T TRICK ME! I'M NOT COMIN' NEAR THAT CELL WITH THESE KEYS!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO -- JUST NEAR ENOUGH FOR MY BULLWHIP TO REACH!
HEY! LEGGO! HELP! HELP!

HOLD IT! LET ME EXPLAIN!
TELL ME LATER, LARUE! CRIMMINS IS ACTIN' MIGHTY PECULIAR! HE'S AT THE BANK NOW!

IF CRIMMINS IS A CROOK, WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM.' EVERY DOLLAR I GOT IS IN HIS VAULT.' HERE'S A GUN.'
I WON'T NEED IT.' THEY LET ME KEEP MY WHIP WHEN THEY JUGGED ME.'


SO YUH BROKE OUT, EH? YUH'D BE SMARTER IF YUH STAYED PUT.' NOW I'M GONNA FINISH YUH OFF.'
YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP, CRIMMINS. DROP THAT GUN.'


SORRY TO UPSET YOUR PLANS, CRIMMINS.'
YUH BUTTED IN FOR THE...

HE WON'T GET AWAY.' HOW'D YUH KNOW ABOUT HIM, MARSHAL?
NO HONEST BANKER KEEPS ALL THE DEPOSITOR'S MONEY.' HE WAS HOLDING IT AND PAYING INTEREST ON IT.' A BANK HAS TO PUT MONEY TO WORK OR IT'LL GO BROKE.' AND THE REASON WHY HE DROVE OUTLAWS AWAY WAS TO KEEP THEM FROM RECOGNIZING HIM! HE STARTED THIS BANK WITH MONEY HE STOLE FROM ANOTHER ONE.
END.

LASH LaRUE
in
JACKPOT EMPIRE
YUH'RE STILL A CHUMP, RANSON! AFTER I FINISH YUH AND TH...
NEVER MIND THE OTHERS, CHRIS! I'LL KEEP THEM OFF YOUR BACK!
TAKE CARE OF KITTY, LASH! I'LL HANDLE THIS SIDE-WINDER!
FINGERS OLERA, EX-CARD SHARK AND GUN-MAN, CALLED HIS HUGE CATTLE EMPIRE THE JACKPOT! HE NAMED IT IN HONOR OF THE GAME HE WON IT IN, A TWO-HANDED POKER GAME THAT WAS WITNESSED BY SEVEN PEOPLE! FOUR OF THEM WERE GONE WHEN LASH LARUE HEARD THE STORY... ONLY FINGERS OLERA, CHRIS RANSON WHO LOST THE RANCH, AND A WAITRESS NAMED KITTY HAYES WERE LEFT! AND FINGERS WANTED THEM ELIMINATED TOO! IT WAS A RACE THEN... A RACE BETWEEN LASH LARUE, ROVING MARSHAL, AND THE HIRED BULLETS OF FINGERS OLERA!
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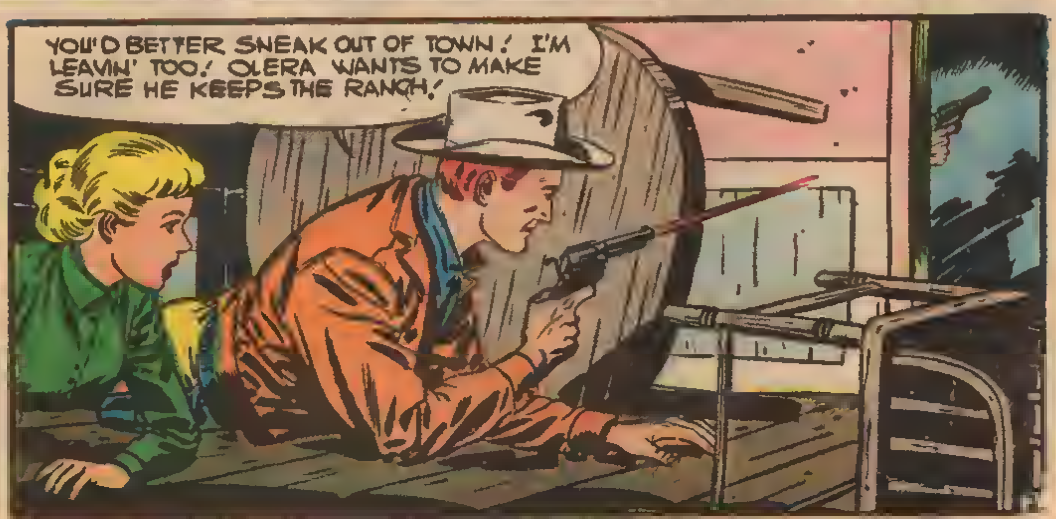
IT ALL STARTED IN A GAMBLING HOUSE IN A CATTLE TOWN.' YOUNG CHRIS WAS CELEBRATING A BIG CATTLE SHIPMENT WEN HE GOT INTO A 'FRIENDLY' GAME WITH OLERA...

AS SOON AS THAT, OLERA STARTED HIS CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE ALL WITNESSES...



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IT WAS A YEAR LATER WHEN LASH LEARNED OF THE CARD GAME! HE HEARD IT FROM A TEXAN ON HIS WAY HOME AFTER A TRAIL DRIVE...

YEP, FINGERS OLERA IS IN THE CHIPS NOW! EVER SINCE HE WON THE JACKPOT! I RECKON HE'LL KEEP IT TOO THE WAY HE OPERATES!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HOW DOES HE OPERATE?

I JUST HEARD THAT BLINKY REESE WAS STOMPED BY A WILD HORSE! THAT WAS OLERA NOT A HORSE DID THE STOMPIN' JUST LIKE THE OTHER THREE!

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER THREE?

CASH ELLIS FROZE IN A BLIZZARD! HIM AND OLERA GOT LOST TOGETHER BUT OLERA MADE IT BACK! DANNY ORTEGA'S GUN WENT OFF 'ACCIDENTAL'! THAT TAKES CARE OF EVERYBODY BUT RANSON AN' THE WAITRESS!

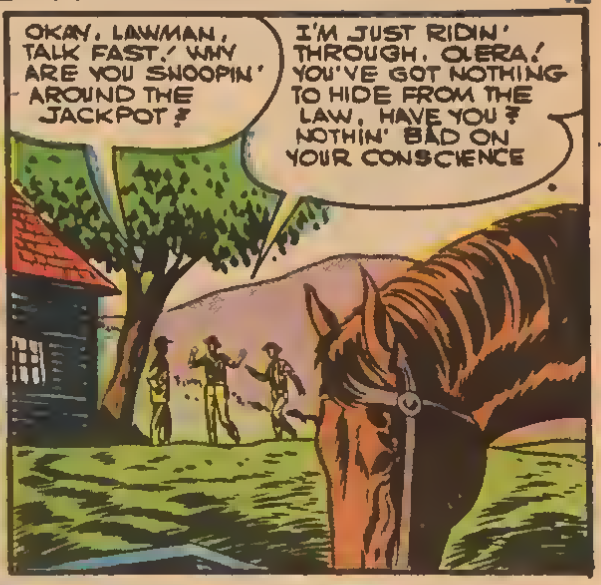
THE STORY INTRIGUED THE ROVING MARSHAL! ONLY OLERA, RANSON, AND THE WAITRESS LEFT! SUDDENLY, LASH KNEW HE HAD TO SEE ALL THREE OF THEM...

I'M ON OLERA'S SPREAD NOW!

OH, OH--SOMEONE'S MIGHTY UNFRIENDLY!

THAT JASPER IS MIGHTY CAUTIOUS! WONDER WHAT COMES NEXT?

STAND UP SLOW, MISTER! WITHOUT THE GUN!



LARUE HAD ISSUED HIS WARNING FOR A REASON! AFTER SO LONG A TIME, IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE THE GAME WAS CROOKED! HE HAD TO FORCE OLERA TO MAKE MISTAKES...

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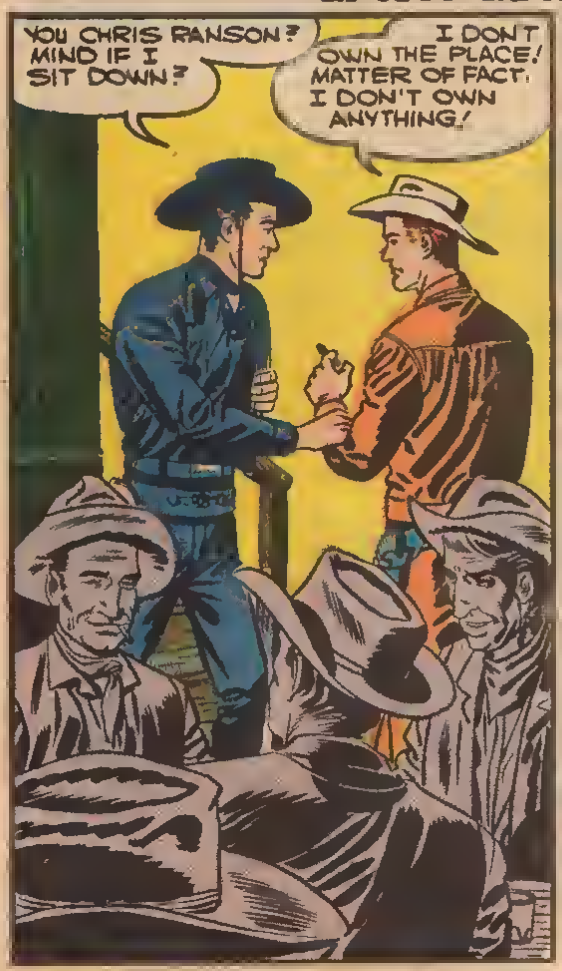
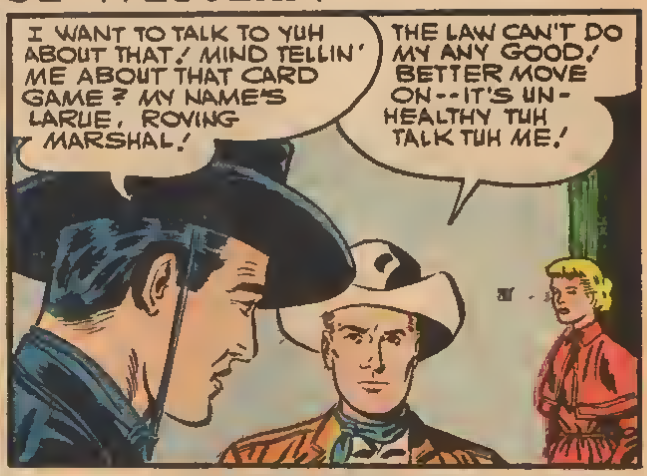
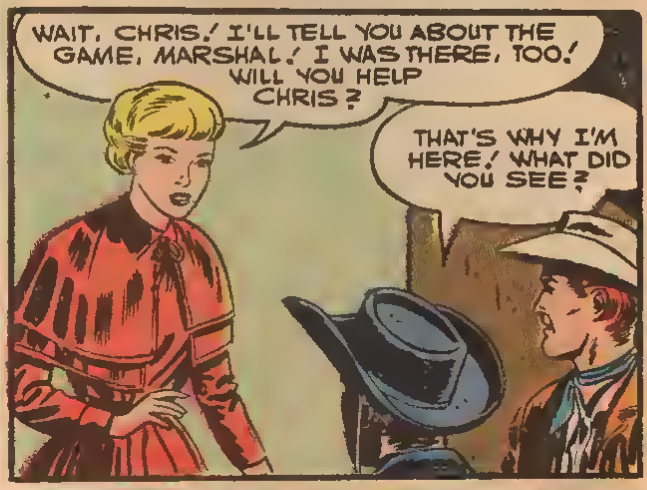

YOU CHRIS RANSON? MIND IF I SIT DOWN?
I DON'T OWN THE PLACE! MATTER OF FACT, I DON'T OWN ANYTHING!

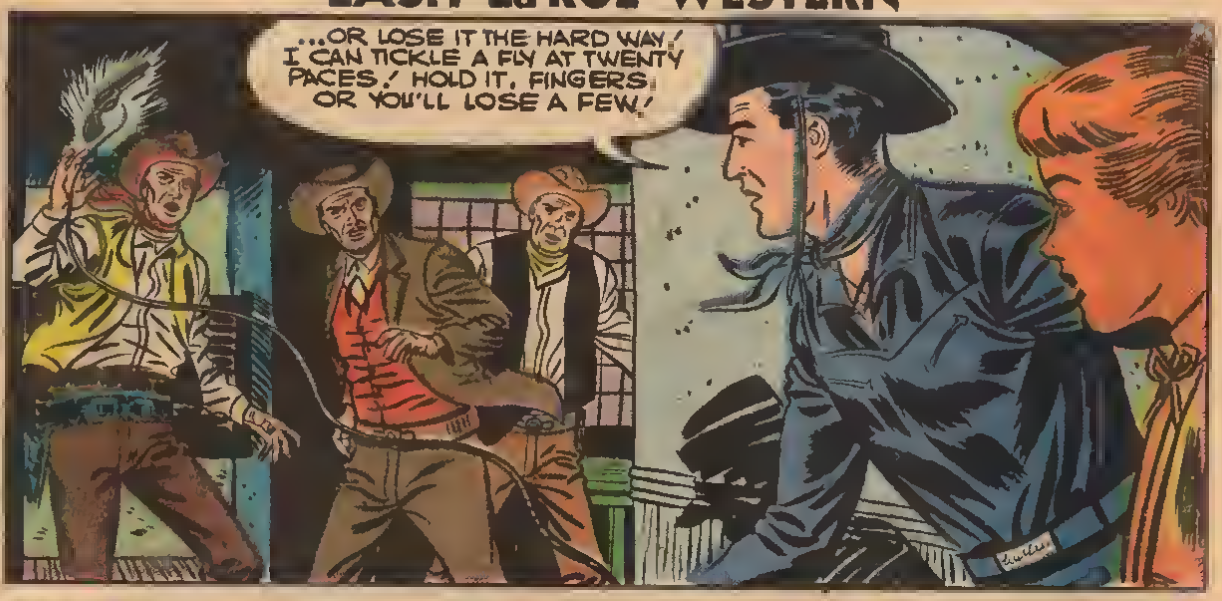

I WANT TO TALK TO YUH ABOUT THAT! MIND TELLIN' ME ABOUT THAT CARD GAME? MY NAME'S LARUE, ROVING MARSHAL!
THE LAW CAN'T DO MY ANY GOOD! BETTER MOVE ON--IT'S UNHEALTHY TUH TALK TUH ME!

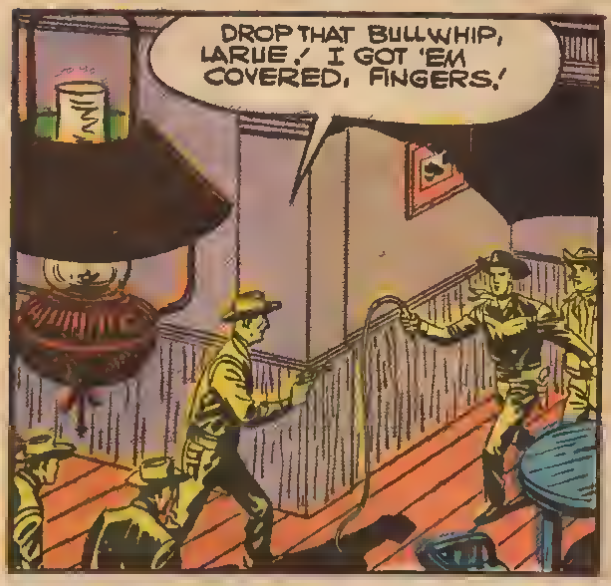

WAIT, CHRIS! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE GAME, MARSHAL! I WAS THERE, TOO! WILL YOU HELP CHRIS?
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! WHAT DID YOU SEE?

WELL, I ONLY SAW THE LAST HAND! BUT WHEN IT WAS OVER AND THEY WERE ARGUING, I PICKED UP THE TEN CARDS!
WHAT ABOUT THEM? WHERE ARE THEY?

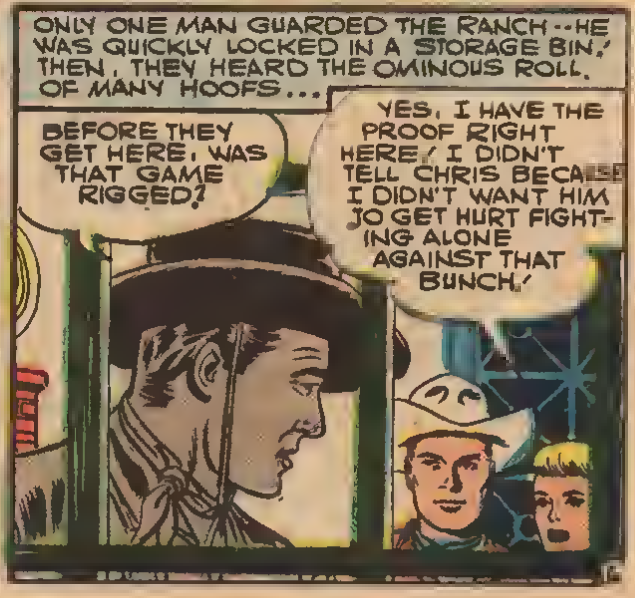
I'LL TAKE THE CARDS, SISTER! THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE RIDE, ALL OF US! MAYBE WE CAN MANAGE A NICE CATTLE STAMPEDE OR A LANDSLIDE WITH YOU AS THE HONORED GUESTS!

HOLD IT, OLERA! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! TELL YOUR MAN TO DROP HIS GUN...





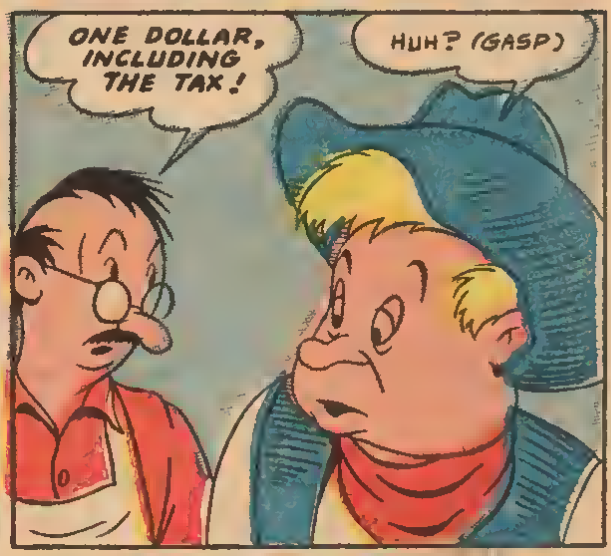
THE ROVING MARSHAL KNEW WHAT OLERA WOULD DO IF HE GOT CONTROL AGAIN! LIKE A STRIKING COBRA, THE BULL WHIP SNAKED UP AND HIT THE LIGHT...

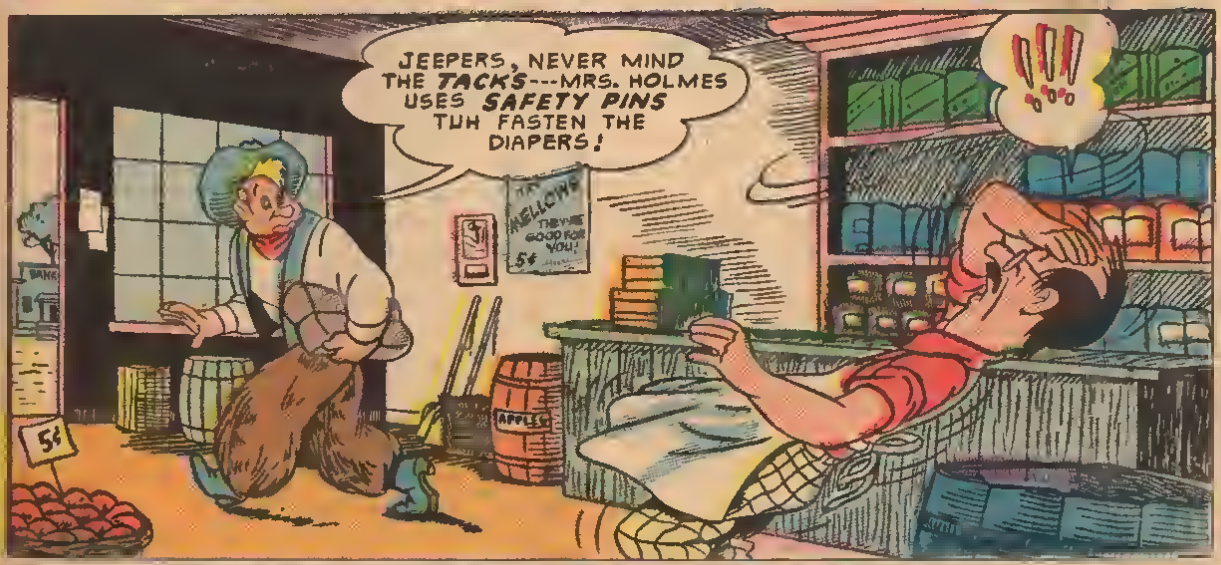


IT WAS THE SHOW-DOWN... OLERA'S CROOKED RANCH HUNG IN THE BALANCE.! CHRIS RANSON BROUGHT OUT THE POKER CARDS-- LASH LARUE WAS CLOSE BEHIND...

MOLASSES MOUTH

'TAXES OUR PATIENCE'





THE CHANGING RANCH

Helen Cooper was doing her best to control her temper. Her father, Jed Cooper, was foreman of the Bar-X Ronch. He was sitting comfortably on o wooden chair with his two feet resting on the stove. Since it was summertime, the stove was cold.

"No use letting off steam," he warned her. "I know how you feel about Allan Gunter. Since you two were kids out here on the ranch, everybody took it for granted you would be married. That's what this ranch needs. A good womon to look after things."

"I wouldn't marry Allon if he were the last man on earth," Helen finally exploded. "Sure, it's his ranch. His uncle Ben loved him and left him the ranch. Maybe it should have gone to his father. So the father runs the ranch while the son goes East and gets an education. See those friends he has with him? Makes me just sick. Thirty of them we are entertaining. What happened to Allan? He belongs to the West, but there will be a day of reckoning. And soon! The twenty-eighth of this month is when the mortgage is due. Then Old Man Pulver will take over and run the place. What will happen to you, dad?"

Jed Cooper just kept the same position. He had been with the Bar-X Ranch from the day that Ben Gunter had been given title to it by the government in exchange for supplies he had given to Fort Sill. Maybe Jed Cooper should have hod a worried look on his face. It was common knowlege in Shelton Springs that Old Man Pulver wos only waiting for the day when he could get title to the ranch and fire Jed. Why? Because Jed had married the girl he liked.

"Allan is a good boy," said Jed. "Maybe a bit spoiled. Go out and join the party."

A group of cowboys were saddling two dozen horses. A young tall man was talking to on ossembled group of older men, who were all from the East.

"For riding in our western country, the rider generally uses a stirrup somewhat longer than for ordinary flat saddle riding. But it is still short enough so that the heel of the rider is slightly lower than the toe. If you want to post, go right ahead. But you will all have the experience of riding the saddle the way the cowboy does."

The guests oll mounted their horses and the cowboys went with them. Helen came up to Allan.

"Still acting the great host?" she demanded.

"What wrong with you, Helen?" asked Allon Gunter. "You seem to have had a mad spell ever since I came here. No use trying to figure out a woman. Want to ride with us?"

Helen's horse had been saddled up so she rode at the side of Allan, but she didn't say a word. From time to time some of the cowboys would point to various places on the ranch and tell about them.

"See that rock over there," said Lou Parsons. "Right from behind it a group of five cowboys once held off a howling mob of Apaches until help came."

A chuck wagon followed in the rear. At high noon lunch was served. The riding and the fresh air created healthy appetites. Helen began to get over her mad spell ond joined in the fun. One of the cowboys started to strum a guitar and sing.

"Nothing like the West, to make a man do his best,
A horse is his best friend, straight up to the end,
Here where the spaces are right open and wild,
You never get old but remain Nature's child."

The men all returned to the ranch. Mike Gunter was there awaiting the arrival of his son and party. He managed to get his son alone for a few minutes and handed him a letter.

"Just the notice from the bank. The mortgage is due on the twenty-eighth of this month. Twenty thousand dollars we have to pay and our bank balance is exactly $875.62. Just about enough to pay for supplies and the wages of our men."

"Forget it ded," retorted Allan. "Our guests are having such a wonderful time. Why bother about the mortgage. It will take care of itself."

Mike Gunter sighed to himself as he watched his son walk into the large living room of the ranch. No use telling him that this was the worse season in a decade. The market was low on beef. It didn't even pay to drive the cattle to Higginsville.

The next day all the guests watched to see some branding being done by the cowboys. Local law required the bonfire to be inside the corral's enclosure. The purpose of the law was to prevent branding in unfrequented localities ond to lessen stealing. Allan explained all this to his guests. Helen watched, somewhat bored and yet puzzled by the interest shown in all these things by the Easterners.

Then they all went to a shooting range that had been set up on the south side of a small

stream. A high rock ledge was the background for the shooting range. Sheriff Abe Perkins came over ond gove the guests some shooting instructions.

"There ore a lot of old timers who will tell you thot you hod to be an expert in getting your six shooter out of the holster ohead of the other man. But ofter you have the gun, then what happens? In the old days I was a law mon in o lot of places from Abilene to Dodge City. To keep cool ond to shoot accurotely was what kept me alive. Todoy you have rifle ond pistol shooting os a hobby. Any questions?"

"Something bothers me," said one of the guests. Whot is the difference between the Colt Frontier Revolver and Colt Single Action?"

"About the time the Colt Single Action .45 came on the morket, a popular rifle cartridge in the West was the .44 Winchester Center Fire cartridge, usually called the .44-40," explained Sheriff Abe Perkins. "In 1878, the Colt people brought out the Single Action Army revolver which was chambered for this popular rifle cartridge. This meant that the westerner could have just one type of ammunition which would fit both his rifles ond his revolvers. If you hod to fight for your life, you certainly wouldn't wont the extra worry obout mixing up the wrong ammunition. These revolvers were marked on the barrel, 'Frontier Six Shooter.'"

When the Colt Double Action Army — sometimes colled the bird's heod model, from the shape of the rip — was put on the market, this was also chombered for both the .45 Colt and the .44-40. The .44 version was also morked Frontier Six Shooter.

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The guests enjoyed shooting with both pistols and rifles. Helen gave a demonstration of her ability to put six bullets right into the bull's eye ot o distance of fifty feet.

"Allan taught me how to shoot," she found herself admitting. For she was no longer angry. Just puzzled at the ottitude of the young mon she loved.

The next day a miniature rodeo was held for the guests. One thing at leost wos certain. The cowboys were also hoving o wonderful time. Moybe it wos the "hom" deep down in eoch one's heart thot showed up when the time come to do a bit of octing before a very appreciotive oudience. Two days before the guests were to leave the ranch a hunt was stoged.

"Better leove me out of this," pleaded Helen. "I think I need o rest."

Two lorge ond unfriendly beors were bagged. The men all hod a most thrilling time on the hunt. Then the next to the last day a forewell supper wos held ot the ranch. It wos the twenty-eighth of the month and on uninvited, but not unexpected, person turned up. Old Mon Pulver wos facing the hoppy group. In his coat pocket wos the mortgage. Allan gove him o big smile ond then followed by an elderly mon, mode the introduction.

"Mr. Thomos Pulver, president of our local bonk, moy I present you to Mr. Walter Henderson, president of the Eastern Nationol Bank?"

Old Man Pulver almost swollowed his Adom's Apple. For all of his refinancing wos done through the Eostern Nationol Bank.

"I understand you hold o mortgoge which is now due," said Mr. Walter Henderson. "Here is a draft on my bonk for the amount. Now let's oll celebrote ond burn up the cancelled mortgage."

Helen cried. She didn't know whot it wos oll about, but she was happy. The ranch was saved. She was more puzzled when, on the doy the guests left, Mr. Walter Henderson remorked to Allan.

"We didn't think it possible to hove such a wonderful time. You con expect the next party in obout o month. I'll notify you by telegram the exoct time."

Helen surrendered. Allon had a secret. What wos it?

"We ore turning this place into a guest ronch. Coll it a dude ranch. For eastern folks to get a taste of the real west. When the next group comes, I want you to be Mrs. Allon Gunter."

And she wasl And so was born the fomous Dude Ronch — the Bar X.

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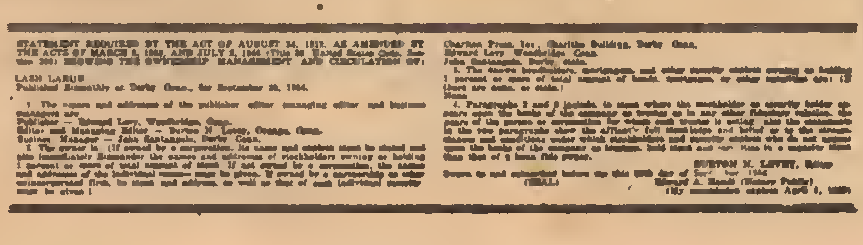
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THE EARLY PART OF THE NIGHT HAD BEEN QUIET -- ONE ARREST WITH NO TROUBLE, OF A STRANGER WHO HAD REFUSED TO PAY HIS HOTEL BILL! THE BANK ROBBERY CAME AFTER EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP---

BANK

HALP! THE BANK'S BEEN ROBBED! SOMEONE GET THE MARSHAL!

CALM DOWN, RIELLY! WHAT HAPPENED! DID YOU SEE WHO DID IT?

HOW COULD I SEE? THE VARMINT HAD A KEY TO THE DOOR -- HE WAS ON TOP OF ME BEFORE I COULD GET ME EYES OPEN!

LET'S GO INSIDE! MAYBE WE WILL LEARN SOMETHING THERE!

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF VIOLENCE INSIDE -- THE THIEF HADN'T NEEDED TO BREAK OPEN THE SAFE -- HE'D KNOWN THE COMBINATION!

I WAS SITTING HERE SMOKIN' ME PIPE! THEN, BAM! I WAS ON THE FLOOR! THE DOOR WAS LOCKED, TOO!

HE HAD A KEY! AND THE SAFE WASN'T JIMMIED! THIS IS ODD!

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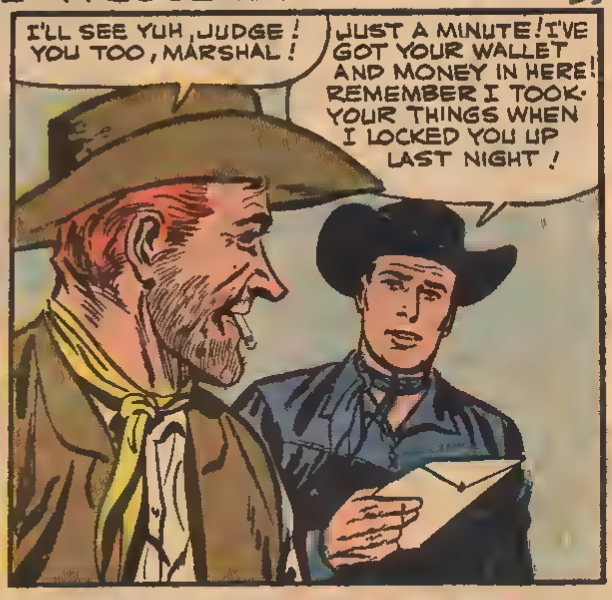
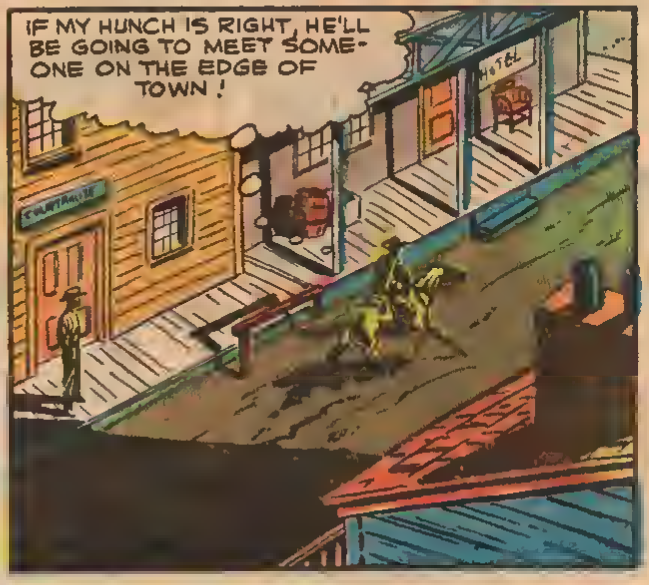
LASH La RUE WESTERN

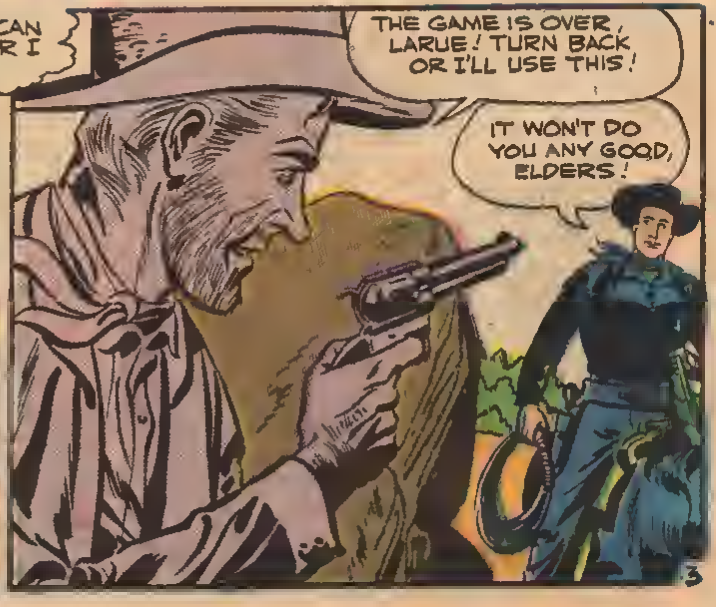
FIFTY DOLLARS FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE! NOW, MARSHAL, WHAT ARE THE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BANK ROBBERY?
NONE, JUDGE! WHOEVER DID IT WAS A MIGHTY SLICK HOMBRE!

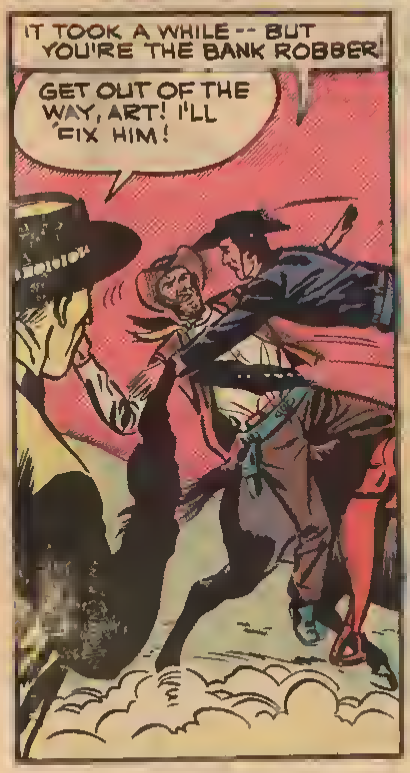

I'LL SEE YUH, JUDGE! YOU TOO, MARSHAL!
JUST A MINUTE! I'VE GOT YOUR WALLET AND MONEY IN HERE! REMEMBER I TOOK YOUR THINGS WHEN I LOCKED YOU UP LAST NIGHT!

THANKS, MARSHAL! I NEARLY FORGOT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ROBBERY, JUDGE! I'LL HAVE THE GUILTY MAN BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!

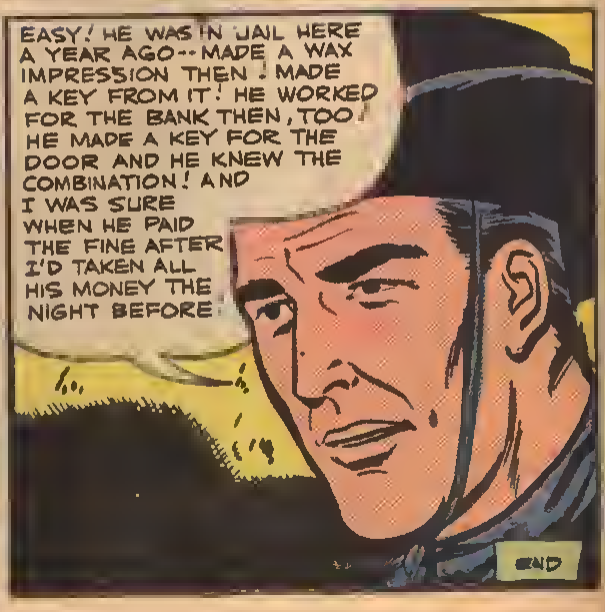

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, HE'LL BE GOING TO MEET SOMEONE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN!
HOTEL

I DON'T WANT TO ALARM ELDERS IF I CAN HELP IT-- BUT NEITHER THE BANK NOR I CAN AFFORD TO LET HIM GET AWAY!


THE GAME IS OVER, LARUE! TURN BACK OR I'LL USE THIS!
IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, ELDERS!



A FEW MINUTES LATER -- THE SECRET MARSHAL MARCHED HIS PRISONERS INTO TOWN!



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LOONIE LES
CHICKEN-HEADED!
I'M RIGHT GLAD YUH STOPPED IN FER LUNCH, STEVE! YUH CAN HAVE SOME OF MY CHICKEN SOUP!
THANKS, LES!
HUH?
¡HOOIE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THIS SOUP.....IT'S AWFUL! I THOUGHT YUH SAID IT WAS CHICKEN SOUP!
ER, WELL, IT'S CHICKEN SOUP IN ITS INFANCY!
HUH? CHICKEN SOUP IN ITS INFANCY?
THAT'S RIGHT.... IT'S MADE OUT OF THE WATER I BOILED SOME EGGS IN!

LASH LaRUE WESTERN

The COWARD

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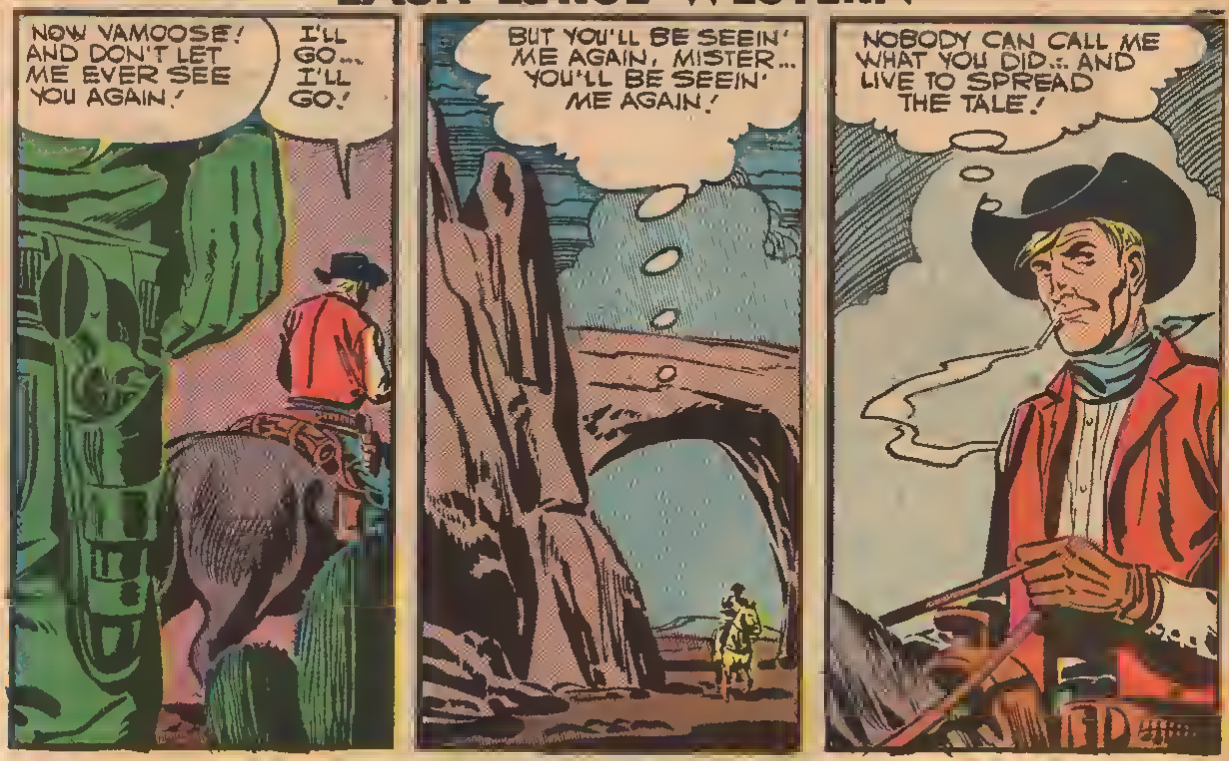
YOU FEEL RIGHT-BIG WITH WITH THOSE SHOOTIN' IRONS IN YOUR HANDS, DON'T YOU, RUNT?
UNNNH!
... BARE-FISTED!
COME ON, GIT UP!
NO... NO!
GIT UP ON YOUR FEET, RUNT! YOU CAME SPOILIN' FOR TROUBLE-- AND I AIM TO GIVE IT TO YOU NOW...
I...I DON'T WANNA FIGHT!
HMPF-- LISTEN TO THE YELLOW-BELLIED LITTLE COYOTE, WILL YOU! WITHOUT THOSE GUNS OF HIS, HE SINGS A RIGHT DIFFERENT TUNE!



HE **WAS** A COWARD... THAT'S WHY BEING CALLED ONE, RANKLED HIM SO! AND HE HUNG AROUND THE TERRITORY, LEARNED THE COWHAND'S NAME, AND WHEN HE WOULD COME INTO TOWN AFTER THE ROUND-UP...

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

GIVEN! GIVEN!

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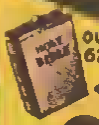

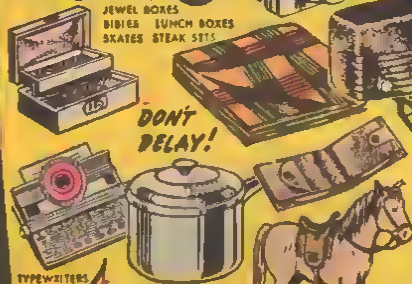

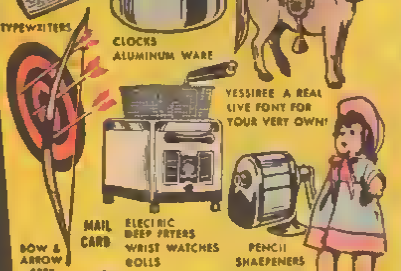

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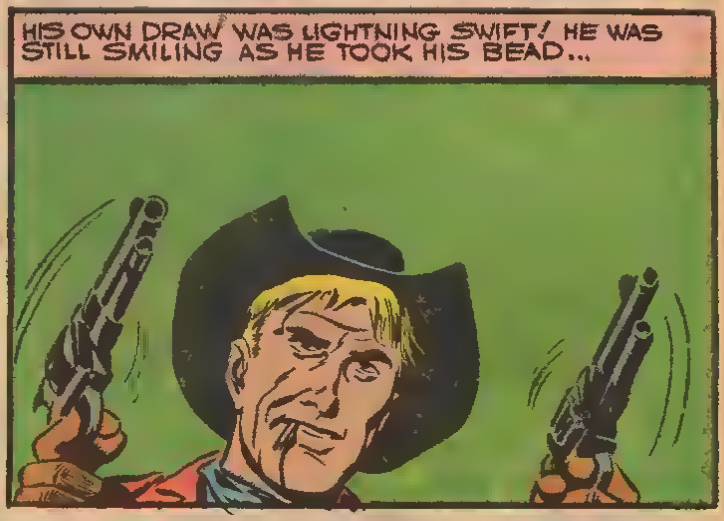
HERE HE COMES!

HEY, YOU! CLEAR LEATHER, BIG MAN... AND WE'LL SEE WHO'S YELLOWBELLIED!


HIS OWN DRAW WAS LIGHTNING SWIFT! HE WAS STILL SMILING AS HE TOOK HIS BEAD...

BUT THEN...
HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO DRAW AGAINST ME! THOSE EYES OF HIS... STARIN'... NOT AFRAID!

HE WAS A COWARD...AND THE SIGHT OF THOSE UNAFRAID EYES WAS MORE THAN HE COULD STAND...
I--I'M (SOB) CLEARIN' OUT OF HERE!

AND SO IT WAS THAT HE NEVER HEARD THE COWHAND'S WORDS...
WHAT HAPPENED? I GOT CAUGHT IN A SANDSTORM, GOT A HEAP OF SAND-GRIT IN MY EYES! CAN'T CLOSE THEM... AND CAN HARDLY HEAR OR SEE A THING! WHAT HAPPENED?
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CACTUS
BRAIN
"ENDORSED!"
HOWDY, CACTUS BRAIN, WHUT KIN I DO FER YUH?
I'D LIKE TUH GET THIS MONEY ORDER CASHED.
SHORE. HYAR'S A PEN! ENDORSE IT!
???
IF HE WANTS ME TUH ENDORSE IT, I'LL ENDORSE IT!
HYAR YUH ARE!
MONEY ORDERS
MAIL
!!!
I heartily endorse this money order.
Cactus Brain
NO, NO, THET'S NOT WHUT I MEANT! ER, JEST SIGN IT AS YUH WOULD A LETTER!
WAL, AS LONG AS YO'RE HOLDING THE PEN---
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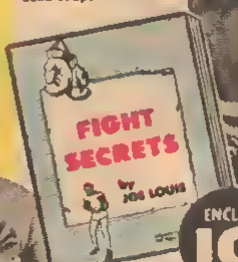

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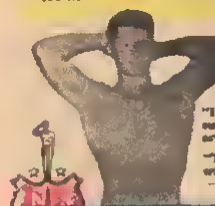

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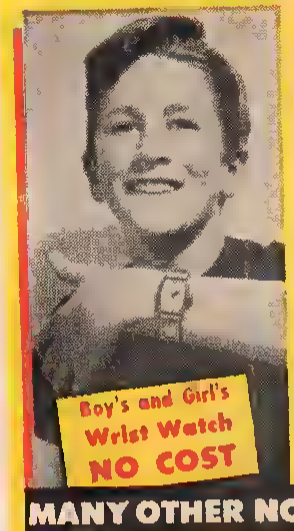

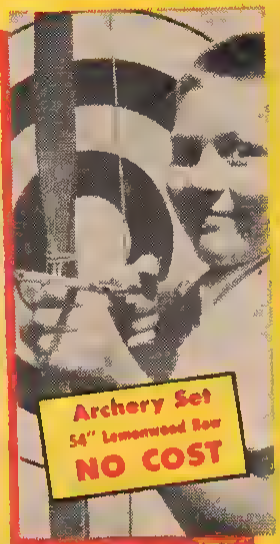

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